

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Completion of Inventory of Native American Human Remains within the Rainbow House Collection, Bandelier National Monument, Los Alamos County, NM.

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior

ACTION: Notice

Notice is hereby given under provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003(d), of the completion of the inventory of human remains within the Rainbow House collection (LA 217), a Federally curated collection at Bandelier National Monument, Los Alamos County, NM.

The detailed inventory and assessment of the Rainbow House collection has been made by National Park Service professional staff and consultation with representatives of the following Pueblo groups: Pueblo of Santa Clara; Pueblo of San Ildefonso; Pueblo of Tesuque; Pueblo of Cochiti; Pueblo of Santo Domingo; Pueblo of Jemez; Pueblo of Zuni; and the Hopi Tribe.

Between 1948 and 1955, Fredrick Worman of Adams State College, CO and Louis Caywood of the National Park Service, carried out legally authorized archeological excavations on Federal public lands, including the Rainbow House archeological site within Bandelier National Monument. At Rainbow House one hundred rooms were excavated, as well as a kiva and an associated plaza. A minimum of seven fragmentary individuals were found at Rainbow House in the kiva floor level and in the plaza room blocks. The occupation date assigned to Rainbow House was between AD 1412 - 1453.

Artifactual evidence does not allow specific identification of a single culturally affiliated Indian tribe. However, examination of cultural materials (e.g., ceramics, stone tools, and other items) and oral history regarding traditional and religious practice indicate probable cultural affiliation between the human remains and various Pueblo Indian groups. The National Park Service has determined that these human remains are culturally affiliated with: Pueblo of Santa Clara; Pueblo of San Ildefonso; Pueblo of Tesuque; Pueblo of Cochiti; Pueblo of Santo Domingo; Pueblo of San Felipe; Pueblo of Jemez; Pueblo of Zuni; Pueblo of Isleta; Pueblo of Laguna; Pueblo of Acoma; Ysleta del Sur Pueblo; Pueblo of Santa Ana; Pueblo of Sandia; Pueblo of Zia; and the Hopi Tribe. Other Pueblo peoples may also be culturally affiliated with these human remains. No lineal descendants have been identified.

This notice has been sent to consultation representatives of the following Indian tribes: Pueblo of Santa Clara; Pueblo of San Ildefonso; Pueblo of Tesuque; Pueblo of Cochiti; Pueblo of Santo Domingo; Pueblo of Jemez; Pueblo of Zuni; and the Hopi Tribe. Representatives of any other Indian tribe which believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains should contact Superintendent Roy W. Weaver, Bandelier National Monument, HCR 1 Box 1 Suite 15, Los Alamos, NM, 85744, telephone: (505) 672-3861 fax (505) 672-9607, before August 4, 1995. Repatriation of these human remains may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

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